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The Honorable J. Paul Oetken United States District Judge United States District Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, NY 10007

Re: Georges v. United Nations, et al.,

13 Civ. 7146 (JPO)

Dear Judge Oetken:

I write respectfully on behalf of the United States of America (the "Government"), which is not a party to the above-referenced action, in response to plaintiffs' letter to the Court, dated April 17, 2014. Plaintiffs request that the Court enter a proposed briefing schedule regarding third-party motions for leave to file *amicus curiae* briefs in the above-referenced action, such that the motions would be filed by May 15, 2014, and the Government's response, if any, would be filed by May 22, 2014. The Government takes no position with regard to plaintiffs' request regarding possible *amici* submissions, but respectfully requests a longer time period, until June 16, 2014, to respond to the *amici* motions, if a response is necessary. Plaintiffs consent to the Government's request.

Pursuant to the previous scheduling order entered by the Court on March 20, 2014, plaintiffs' response to the Government's Statement of Interest is due by May 15, 2014; the Government's reply, if any, is due by June 16, 2014; and plaintiffs' sur-reply, if any, is due by July 15, 2014. Accordingly, in order to harmonize the briefing schedules in this matter, the Government respectfully requests that its response, if any, to the *amici* submissions be due on the same date as the Government's reply in support of its Statement of Interest: June 16, 2014. In that event, the Government would be in a position to respond to both the *amici* and plaintiffs in one submission, thereby eliminating the need for multiple briefs.

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We thank the Court for its consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,

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